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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Joel Corbin

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND SEES SVLSRM RUNNING.

Saturday, July 1, 2006, was a scheduled run day for SVLSRM. The Cordova Recreation and Park District was to be host for the Fourth of July Committee's annual celebration and the event was planned for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, July 2, 3, and 4. We knew some members would be at the Train Mountain Meet so we debated our participation. Pete Arney and I were the only ones who said we could and should cover all four days and we agreed to do it alone if necessary. We advised the Fourth Committee and got ready for action. Then, a group of members came through and we were not alone. Many thanks to Darrell Gomes, Barbara and Gordon Moser, Vern and Clio Geyer, Bill Floyd, Butch Floyd, Lois Clifton, Mike Dreiling, Amy and Richard Lutrel, Milon Thorley, Frank Dollosso and Frank Presley. We even had visitors from LALSRM and GGLS. We even participated in the Rancho Cordova Community Parade by having a float with our steamer mounted on a box constructed by Pete Arney and fastened to his trailer. The float was decorated by Amy Lutrel and was pulled by my truck. Clifton family members and some of our neighborhood friends rode on the float, including Andrew Ford who has helped us on work days recently. Although the days were somewhat hot, we had a successful weekend and SVLSRM was well represented.



Sarah Lutrel decorating 4th of July Float.



Butch Floyd engineering the diesel with Barbara Moser as conductor hauling the public July 4th weekend.

### DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE AND STATIONMASTER TRAINING.

As you may recall, we have three opportunities for training and involvement. The first is Stationmaster. Our rules must be known and told to our

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**General Meeting July 21st 7:30 PM**

Come and **COOL** off by watching a great video about UP snow removal.

See great action of their Spreader at work and the people in snow service.

*Thanks*

Thanks to Lois Clifton, Barbara Moser, & Milon Thorley for sharing pictures in this issue.

**CALENDAR**

**Jul 16 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM**

Jul 21 General Meeting - Park building 7:30 PM  
 Jul 22 Work Day

Aug 1 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Park building  
 Aug 18 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS 6:30 at track  
 Food and night running.

Aug 19 Work Day  
**Aug 20 Public run day - Noon to 4 PM**

Sep 1 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Park building

2006 public run day calendar available on-line.

**Don't forget about work days**, every Tuesday and Saturday after meeting. Contact a committee member for information on needs. Check the Project page at the SVLSRM web site ([www.svls.org](http://www.svls.org)).

*How will you support SVLSRM this month?*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- Chuck Scott - Anderson, CA
- Edward Buelmann - Auburn, CA
- Andrew Ford Rancho - Cordova, CA
- Steven Hadley - Walnut Creek, CA



**Special Events Schedule**

Date	Time	Event type	Engine(s)
Jul 15	12n-2p	Birthday	Diesel
Jul 17	10a-12n	Birthday	Diesel
Jul 22	10:30a-12:30p	Birthday	Diesel
Jul 29	11:30a-1:30p	Birthday	Diesel
Aug 27	10a-12n	Birthday	Steam
Sep 4	3p-5p	Birthday	Steam
Sep 9	11a-1p	Birthday	Diesel
Sep 10	All day	Garden Railroad Pot Luck	.
Sep 24	10a-12n	Birthday	Steam
Oct 1	12n-2p	Birthday	Diesel



Please check the SVLSRM web site [www.svls.org](http://www.svls.org) for current information on SVLSRM activities.

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**Vice Presidents Report**

*by Pete Arney*

The parade on July 4th was a great event that had the crowds yelling "trains, we love you" and parents telling their kids "look at the steam engine that runs in the park". As the float passed the judge's stand, the MC said to the cheering crowd "your children and grandchildren rode the trains at the park". We had the engine mounted high on the trailer.



Thanks to

Amy Lutrel for decorating the float, Joel Corbin, Jack Friedman, and Pete Arney for building it. Kids from SVLS members (Clifton's, Lutrel's, and Andrew Ford) put a family face on SVLS. Immediately after the parade, we had double the number of riders of the previous days. Over the four days, we had close to 1000 riders.

We have had several people interested in getting qualified on the steam engine. We would like to have more. Out of approximately (175) members, (30) are qualified to run public diesels, (16) steam, and (33) station master. Most of these were qualified no more recent than 2004. Perhaps no more than half of the qualified are actively involved in the public runs. Joel is asking Gordon Moser to continue to qualify diesel engineers. Classes will start soon.

Summer irrigation is underway and volunteers are needed. The grounds are being maintained as part of the park therefore they must be watered and grass cut. During the early years of our organization, much of the expansion area was permitted to dry up. With the current park management and the inclusion of SVLS into the park's master plan, letting the landscape dry up is not an option - we must irrigate. The job of irrigation is not complicated but it is time consuming. One watering cycle takes about eight hours to complete. Currently, one person is doing a complete watering cycle once a week over a two day period. Other volunteers spot water areas that tend to dry out rapidly. During the hot weather, two complete cycles a week are needed. More hands would make the grounds look much better plus provide relief for those now doing the watering. The backbone infrastructure for an automated system was installed earlier this year. Eventually, the master plan is to put all of our operating area under automated irrigation. Until that is completed, we need volunteers.



**4<sup>TH</sup>  
OF  
JULY**

Thanks to Amy and Sarah Lutrel (on pg.1) decorating 4th of July Float.



Gordon Moser helping at the station with another train departing on track 1.



SVLS steamer with Milon as engineer completing a train trip.



Special guest Betty McKenzie. Her late husband Earl was one of our founding members and a great supporter of SVLS.

In an effort to reduce our costs of producing and mailing the Golden Spike newsletter, to those of you that use the internet, we offer the option of receiving an E-mail notice to read (or download) from our web site which will be a full color format, and then not receiving the printed mailed version. Please notify membership that you choose this option. Thanks!

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guest riders and the Stationmaster does this. The quiz is easy and can be completed quickly so you are considered qualified. Vern Geyer administers the test. We hope many of you will complete this and help out on occasion. The next step, if desired, is to become qualified to operate the diesel locomotives we have. A second test is required along with hands on engine handling. In order to help you do this, I have appointed Gordon Moser as our diesel engine trainer. I hope you will contact Gordon if you have any desire to run the diesel engines and become involved in operations in this way. This is your opportunity to run an engine if you do not have one and to fully participate in this way. Although you may already have skills, we ask that you are formally checked out to be sure our safety rules are followed. Our insurance company likes the safety program we have implemented. Thanks go to Gordon for accepting this position recently. As mentioned before, when these two steps are completed, the next step, to follow, is the operation of the steamer. Pete Arney oversees this section and he desires to qualify all members who desire to be on our list of qualified and recognized engineers.

### RIDING CARS

Based on Board recommendations, a vote was taken at the last Membership Meeting on the design of the riding cars we should use from now on. The car design and construction was approved and the building will start shortly. The cars will be depressed center cars as we have reviewed for some time. There will be a lengthwise bench seat, similar to the ones we use now. With the depressed center and lower seat, should there ever be a derailment, the car will only fall one inch, leaving no chance for a roll over accident. Also, the center of gravity is much lower, eliminating the "top heavy" nature of some riding cars. We desire to have these cars operational by the October Halloween run.

### PARTICIPATION

It is the desire of the Board and me that as many members as possible be involved in SVLSRM activities as much as they can. If we can do anything to help you in this regard, let us know. Also, a good start is to come to monthly membership meetings. The next one being on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 7:30 PM in Building 1 in the park office complex. Bring your projects under construction to show off. Pete Arney will be presiding at this month's meeting and will discuss things being done as the SVLSRM goes forward (I will be at my younger son's wedding and can't be there). We hope you will be at all meetings, family responsibilities permitting, and will participate as much as possible. You get out what you put in to any group. I am reminded of our meeting last December where many "show and tell" items were brought and we had a very interesting meeting. Let's keep this up.

Mark your calendars now for our HOT AUGUST NIGHTS meeting next month on August 18, 2006. This is a fun and fellowship meeting we have each year. More to come on this in my report next month.

*See you at the railroad.....Joel*



**10 Years ago:** "From the Yardmasters" Things are getting HOT at the park now. Summer is definitely here - so the grass is not growing as fast, which means more watering. The various flower beds still look great. Our donation (station) caboose has been fixed up and repainted. It looks great! Thanks to Pam Naylor who took on this project. Red has been unable to mow etc.. lately - as well as myself (Gordon) - due to long hours at work. So, we can use any help mowing, watering, etc. *Gordon Moser & Red Hadler, Yardmasters*

**20 Years ago:** "Chiloquin report" by Lori Esselbach Overheard at the "Over-the-Hill" Live Steamers" "Those Sacramento Valley Live Steamers are the travelinest club. One runs into them everywhere. Wonder when they get time to run on their track"? (It was said as a compliment)

SVLS strikes again! June 14th and 15th found Warren, Robby and Christy Sharratt, Keith and Helen Kirstein, Stan Hindsley, Dick and Lori Esselback, John Bailie, Al and Mary Shelley, Ed Spail, and Robey and Betty Roberson (of Idaho) swatting mosquitoes at Ed St. John's in Chiloquin, Oregon. This is a good railroad now and if all their plans become a reality, it should be the largest 7 1/2" road in the world. Your reporter was most impressed with what one man had accomplished in such a short time. He did have some help, but most of it was done by Ed. It is a very fast and loose operation and excitement was generated by a couple of rear and collisions due to speed. Saturday night we had a barbecue and potluck dinner and lots of good fellowship. There was TV coverage and on Saturday the whole town turned out to ride the trains. Also a local church group erected a snack bar and sold hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. and was a real convenience and much appreciated. Those travelin' SVLS folks will be back again next year.

**30 Years ago:** The 4th of July run at Cordova community Park saw ken Spicer's 2-8-2 hauling six and seven cars of delighted passengers and Al Shelley, Don Yungling, Milon Thorley and Earl McKenzie all running engines. Bill Fisher, without a doubt, had the toughest job. Bill spent the day on the rise down by the river keeping watch to prevent vandals from placing rocks on the track. This has been a real problem area in the past and has caused damage and derailment to several engines and cars.. It was a long, hot, thirsty afternoon for Bill and we appreciate and thank him for his help. Marla Yungling spent most of the day as ticket agent and also deserves a big thank you. It's great to see the young people like Marla taking an active part in the club. There were others out there in the hot sun lending a hand and a great big THANK YOU to all of you.

Everyone enjoyed the Fireworks spectacular that evening. It was the finest display of pyrotechnics in the area and well worth the long wait to get out of the park after the show.



## Spring Meet 2006 Report

I would like to thank everyone for there hard work. Barbara Moser, Anna Sach, Mary Neville, Kris Gramith, Pam Naylor, and Kristi Hall for all your hard work in the caboose. Marilyn Drews, Clio Geyer, Gail Gomes and Arlene Butler for doing breakfast. Clio Geyer and Betty Quick for there help with the bake sale and soda table. Marilyn Drews for selling our shirts. Cindy Wilmunder and her group of people that worked the station All the engineers' and conductors that took care of the public trains. Veronica and Dale Taylor with there help with the raffle and goodies she made, and all the people that donated there items. Gloria Berry for her Basket and Jars "COOKIES, COOKIES". Marilyn Drews or her meat sauce, and the Wilmunder's for the spaghetti they donated. Kristi Hall and everyone, that helped her in setting up the canopy to keep us dry and cool. Bill Yoder for the Flyer and the button he designed. Amy and Richard Lutrel, for putting all the buttons together. Amy for manning the registration table all day Saturday. Kevin Sach and Matt Hall for there great cooking job on our new bar-b-q. Milon Thorley for greeting everyone and making sure they got a place to park there trains.

I would like to thank my husband Paul for his hard work getting donations from the following businesses for the raffles: Bruce's Train Shop for there donation of books. Hydraulic Power Sales, for there donation of \$25 for the children's raffle Railroad Hobbies, for there \$50 gift certificate Walkers Hardware, for the \$25 gift certificate Lehr Auto Electric, for there \$25 donation for the children's raffle. General Tires for there 4- \$25 gift certificates Rancho Cordova Auto Parts, Carquest, for there box of 100 piece tool kit Bar-Hein Company, for the branch clippers O'Connor's Catering for there gift certificate of \$24 or 11lb of beef jerky Paul Clifton and Bill Yoder for going out and getting advertisement for this years roster. Cannonball scale rail products, Roseville Jewelry and Trophy, Bruce's Train Shop, Railroad Hobbies, Smog-N-All, Diamond Diagnostic & Repair, and Hydraulic Power Sales.

With out all your help I would have never been able to have gotten it all together, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun!

If I have forgotten any one I am sorry but thank you for the great job.

Spring Meet Chairmen Lois Clifton

*Thank You*

## Special video to be shown at July meeting.

7:30PM on the 21st.



This remarkable film shows the challenge and drama faced by Union Pacific work crews to keep Donner Pass rail lines open to train traffic during heavy Sierra snow storms often during white-out conditions



### SAFETY RULES FOR THE MONTH

101. Locomotives and equipment shall be unloaded and loaded only at the facilities provided for such unloading and loading. All vehicles shall be removed from the loading area as soon as possible after loading or unloading.

206. An engine approaching a stopped train on the same track must come to a complete stop no less than fifty (50) feet from the stopped train. The stopped train may then be approached slowly with caution.

303. All Trainmen and engineers must be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of basic rules of safe operation to the satisfaction of the Trainmaster or his designated alternate and in addition all engineers shall be thoroughly briefed on the individual engines they are to operate.

411. Steam boilers burning solid fuel shall have an ash pan constructed and installed to prevent dropping burning ashes of fuel along the right-of-way while the locomotive is in operation.

**HOT AUGUST NIGHTS**

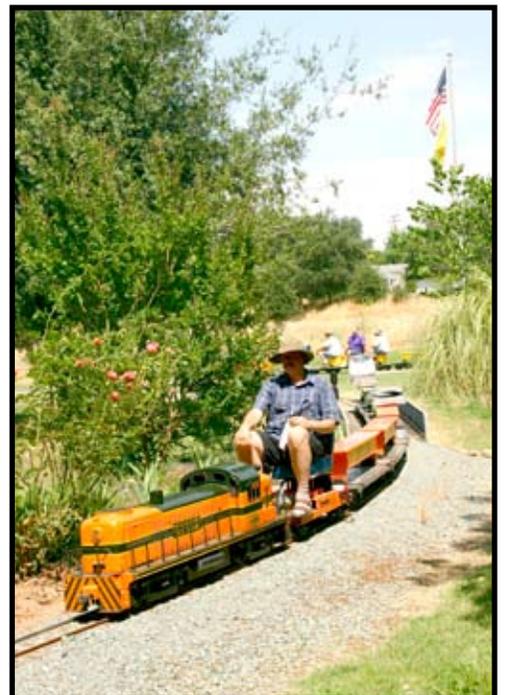
6:30 PM August 18th.

Bring yourself, bring food, bring your train for an evening and night of fun. See you all there!!!

THANKS to Les & Cindy Wilmunder, Bill & Kris Son, Robert & Arlene Butler, Barbara & Gordon Moser, and Kevin and Anne Sach for their very generous contribution to buy a new BAR-B-Q.



The RAMBLE to Train Mountain stopped by our track on June 24th. Several interesting engines ran on the track and with a reported good time of running and an enjoyable dinner in the evening. We were glad to have the visitors - please come again.



# for sale

Shay: \$14,000 (obo) 1985-1988 1-1/2" scale Design based on Koza Hiraoka's "Building The Shay"; see Live Steam February, 1989. Coal fired Primary construction material = brass



This train show above is on sale from Henry Stefani family and Joel Corbin and Pete Arney are helping the family sell this steam engine. Henry has moved to Southern California.

The following items are for sale:

1. Car Key, Adlake, brass 3.6 inch long, stamped SP ;2. Late, Unimate, all tooling , in box.;
  3. Weather vane, cast aluminum, CP Huntington 3 feet long with roof mount.;
  4. Switch locks & more.
- Call: Ross Crawford (916) 718-4162

- 1 - NEW : 3 pallets of Train Mountain Ties. Cut & routed
- 2 - NEW : 2 Boxes of Train Mountain Tie Plates
- 3 - NEW : Aluminium Rail From Train Mountain
- 4 - NEW : Al. Rail By T.M.. to 30' Radius
- 5 - LIKE NEW : R.M.I. Engine, Center Cab 35 Ton model.

It has two axles, both with motors. Four new batteries, The unit has very few hours on it !!! Real nice and very clean.... It is a great little engine.....

This is a good deal. Will bargain, need to sell.

E-mail is : Eagle--1@earthlink.net  
or Cell 530-320-9678

Thank You for your Interest. D. Conner

Train Shed for sale.

Wood/Plywood construction with asphalt shingles and vinyl siding. 30 feet long total – in 3 sections  
Outside dimensions are 30" wide by 40" tall. Inside dimensions for clearance are 21" wide by 28 3/4" tall. 7 1/2" track spacing.

Make offer - Todd Hanson

E-MAIL: hansomtodd@comcast.net

PH: 916-425-4717



A cannonball 0-4-0 switch engine (gas engine) painted red and includes a cannonball riding gondola with seats and a trailer 4 by 8 painted red which holds four cars, asking \$2,000.  
Contact Les Wilmunder at (916) 372 2423

Complete set of 1.5" freight car straight air brakes for sale. These are made by "MOUNTAIN CAR" and are almost new and comes with the air line kit. ....\$100.00

"MARS" light for sale that would be good for a 2.5" to 3.75" narrow gauge engine. It is a little large for a 1.5" loco, but it would look o.k. ....\$150.00

A dual air brake valve system with two brake handles for controlling train brakes and engine brakes separately. It has 3 pressure gauges attached and plumed into the system. They are all 0 - 100 psi, The center gauge is for air pressure indicating total pressure in the system. The other two gauges indicate independently air pressure to the engine brakes, and the train brakes during application..... \$200.00



Gordon Briggs timbercreekrr@yahoo.com (530)273-9145

**Live Steam Magazines for sale from 1969 to 2004.  
Call June Riddle at 916-361-7905.**

South Bend 9 inch "Junior" model lathe from late 1920s. The "Junior" model predates the more common "Workshop" model which most people find today. The "Junior" is a much heavier. The machine comes with change gears, 3 jaw chuck, 4 jaw chuck, faceplate, jacobs tailstock chuck, tailstock wrench, steady rest, tool holders, toolpost, motor, countershaft, belts, and reversing switch.



In short, this is most everything you will need to get started. It is a good little machine. Interested buyers are welcome to inspect the machine in Stockton, California and take a cut or two. Price is \$650.00. I also have a new (and very nice quality) Bison 6" 3 jaw chuck with reversible jaws for this lathe which I would include for a bit more.  
Sathi Pappas: (209) 603-7363 SouPac@aol.com

## WANTED:

A 1.5 or 1.6 scale 10 or 12 wheel steamer. Looking for a unfinished kit for first time builder. If you know of someone or have something close to what I'm looking for email me at strokedmustang66@yahoo.com looking to spend around 3k or trade for a 17ft boat & trailer, turn key ready

I am looking for a well built 2-6-0 or 4-6-0, 1 1/2 inch scale, 7 1/2 inch gauge. Preferably Winton or Allen type locos. It must run well, and be a turn key loco. An Allen 4-4-0 would also work. Please call John Bothwell at (949) 294-5719 or write to john.d.bothwell@biola.edu if you have or know of an engine.